

# Military Service



SCOTT O. SWEET

## Finishes Basic Training

Airman Scott O. Sweet, son of Mrs. Daveta Sweet of 1803 Spwyer Lane, Torrance, has recently finished Air Force Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Prior to enlisting in November, 1959 he attended South Torrance High School.

Airman Sweet has been selected to attend the technical course for supply specialist at Amarillo AFB, Texas. This selection was based on Airman Sweet's interest and aptitudes, according to Tech Sergeant Duane K. Hetler, local Air Force recruiter.

## To Technical School

Airman Loren Butler, son of Mrs. Bertha L. Green of 113 Paseo De Las Delicias, Torrance, has completed his initial course



LOREN BUTLER

of Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Technical Sergeant Duane K. Hetler, Air Force Recruiter for the Torrance Area, says that Butler will now be sent to Amarillo AFB, Texas where he will attend technical training in the administrative career field.

Airman Butler attended South Torrance High prior to enlisting in the Air Force in November, '59. Airman Butler was selected for this Technical Training on the basis of his aptitude scores, established prior to enlistment. Sgt. Hetler said that his office at 1379 1/2 Sartori, Torrance, will arrange these aptitude tests for any young man desiring to enter the Air Force.

## COMPLETES MED COURSE

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Pvt. Robert L. Putnam, 21, whose wife, Esther, lives at 1747 Greenwood, Torrance, recently completed the medical laboratory technician course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Putnam entered the Army last May and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He is a 1957 graduate of Torrance High School. His mother, Mrs. Helen Harding, lives at 1918 Anza, Torrance.

## German Assignment

Sandhofen, Germany — Army Cpl. George L. Lee, 31, whose wife, Luella, lives at 6791 Harbor Ave., Long Beach, Calif. recently was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division in Germany.

Corporal Lee, a squad leader in Troop B of the division's 8th Cavalry in Sandhofen, entered the Army in 1947.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lee, 4106 Spencer St., Torrance.

## BENEFIT MOVIE FOR CHILDREN

The "Friends of Richard" will escort 30 deserving children on a snow trip to Big Bear, Feb. 12, President Robert Nishimoto announced today.

To defray costs of the trip, a Japanese movie has been scheduled by the "FOR" club Feb. 6 at the Japanese Community Center, 2000 W. 162 St., in Gardena. A donation of \$1 will help the group continue their work with underprivileged children and other deserving activities.

Scheduled for the 7 p.m. showing are "Adareno Gaido," starring Isuzu Yamada and Shuji Sanjo a "Samurai" or war film. Also featured on the twin bill will be "Oedokens Matoi," starring Hibari Mizora and Hashizo Okawa.

English subtitles will accompany both pictures.

Tickets may be purchased from club members. Additional information may be obtained by calling DA 4-7853.

# The Bookman's Box

One expects the rash of books on political figures and issues during the year of a presidential election; this year will prove no exception. The first of such volumes, Allen Drury's "Advise and Consent" has already topped the usual "best-seller" lists for many weeks, and other volumes are or soon will be available for purchase. What is unexpected is a scholarly study of the make-up of democracy "and where, how, and why" it works in the modern world. Such a tome is Seymour Martin Lipset's "Political Man," a series of essays by the professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley.

PROFESSOR LIPSET SEEKS to give the intellectual, historical, and psychological background to democracy, using the American scene as the prime example for his theses. This volume is best when giving an historical analysis of the United States; discussing Marx and Tocqueville, or showing the system of balances, checks, conflicts, and areas of agreement among the various groups of Americans, all of which determine the inner workings of our democratic system.

The reader who studies this sociological work (for it is no "light" novel which can be read in the scanning) will find in it much new insight into a field of which he might be ignorant; there are also some theories — such as those on the behavior of American intellectuals, or those on the rise and fall of McCarthyism, and others — which are open to dispute.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST to the serious reader are the footnotes which list numerous articles and specific pages where one may find more detailed explanations for areas of particular interest.

This exciting book will arouse either sympathy or anger at several of its points of view, especially those on the separation of church and state, on labor unions, and those on the various class interests in "liberalism." Professor Lipset's interest in the new democracies of Asia and Africa reveal the frightening point of view that the West must work with what is popularly called "unsavory political persons and parties" in order to achieve the type of democracy it favors for itself.

THE FINAL CHAPTER, "A Personal Postscript," is the author's personal — and important — view of democracies in this century. It is a thrilling conclusion to a thought-provoking book, an appropriate eye-opening volume, prelude to an important year in the American political scene.

Seymour Martin Lipset: "Political Man" 417 pp., name index, subject index, Doubleday and Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1960, \$4.95.

## Letters

METERETTES O.K.

To the Editor:

I'm not surprised that the person who blasted the Meterettes in your edition last Sunday wanted his, or her, name withheld.

It's ridiculous to assume that these young conscientious women of integrity would stoop so low. They have enough ground to cover without "ticking off the seconds" at each meter stop.

It's assumed that the letter writer has time to burn if he, or she, can spend so much time covertly spying on the Meterettes.

The Meterettes consistently give breaks (not brakes) to parkers from Torrance as well as out-of-towners. And, this is one community where broken meters are promptly repaired before motorists are targeted.—Paul Galen, 25628 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita.

## TAXPAYER COMPLAINS

To the Editor:

The time will come, mark my words, when the people of this country will have to pay for the air they breathe. We already have to pay for water. Next will be air.

You can see this when the city starts making you pay for parking space. The merchants don't like it.

I don't know about these women driving around on those motorcycles except that somebody must be paying them — they don't work for free, either.

If the city got rid of the meters, they could get rid of the meter girls and us taxpayers would be that much ahead.—(Signed) A Taxpayer, 2307 Border Ave., Torrance.

## YOUTH ALWAYS BLAMED

To the Editor:

When people complain about the way children and young teenagers act these days, they should try to remember how they acted at that age and what people had to say about them in those days.

I think it's a shame the way everybody is constantly criticizing our youth. If they would just stop a minute and think back! Then they would see that whether it's 1900 or 1980 or 1960, parents and adults always think the younger generation is just going to the dogs.

Well, we're all still here and I expect that today's boys and girls will still be here when they're grown.

Then they'll be complaining about their own! — (Signed) A Grandmother of Torrance.

## New President

Freda Shaffer, new president of the Betsey Ross Club, will preside at the group's first meeting of the new year Tuesday at the Masonic Temple.

# Torrance to Get \$460,000 in Fees

Torrance has received some \$40,000 in state-collected motor vehicle license fee revenues and an estimated \$294,000 payment will arrive in April, City Director of Finance Jerome L. Scharfman said today.

The \$40,000 is the first and smallest of three installments which will be paid to local governments in the 1959-1960 fiscal year, Scharfman explained.

The second payment is made on the basis of an estimated \$460,000 total due Torrance.

## KIDS' DAY OBSERVED

Feb. 19 will be kids day at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival at Indio. Youngsters 12 and under, and over 75, will be admitted free. Festival dates are Feb. 12 through 22.

State rules allow a 70 percent advance payment of estimated total revenues.

Population determines individual shares, each city and county receiving a share of the total pot that corresponds to the ratio which its population bears to the total population of all cities and counties.

Total population of the cities was fixed at 10,782,062, a figure which allows for special census counts, annexations and incorporations since the 1950 census. By law the 1950 census figure

of 10,586,223 must be used in the counties' computation. Though collected by the state, the revenues are derived from a tax imposed on motor vehicles in lieu of a local property tax. Hence the reason why local governments are the principal beneficiaries.

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